

Regional Board of Superintendents' Meeting

Northern Rhode Island Collaborative

Main Office

2352 Mendon Road

Cumberland, RI 02864

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Regional Board of Superintendents was held at the Main Office, 2352 Mendon Road, Cumberland, RI 02864, on **Tuesday, April 11, 2006**. The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Mr. Robert O'Brien, Chairman.

In addition to Mr. O'Brien, the following Board members were present: Mr. Lindberg, Dr. Morelle, Dr. Tindall-Gibson, and Dr. VonVillas, as well as, Julian E. MacDonnell, Jr., Executive Director, Dr. Robert Fricklas, Assistant Director, and Craig Enos, Business Manager. Guests: John Gregory, Paul Ouellette and Kerri Corcoran, Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce, Attorney Benjamin Scungio, Francis Casey, President, NRICEU and Michael Mullane, Field Representative, R.I. Federation of Teachers & Health Professionals.

Pursuant to Chapter 42-46-5(a) 1 & 2 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to enter into Executive Session at 1:15 p.m. for discussion of Item #5 - Grievances, which was moved by Dr. Von Villas and seconded by Dr. Morelle; an individual vote was taken and the motion was carried by all. Dr. Fricklas, Mr. Enos, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Ouellette, and Ms. Corcoran stepped out of the meeting at this time. The closed session ended at 2:00 p.m.

Dr. VonVillas motioned to enter into Open Session at 2:00 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Morelle, and carried by all. Dr. Fricklas, Mr. Enos, Mr. Gregory, Mr. Ouellette, and Ms. Corcoran stepped back into the meeting at this time.

Routine Matters:

Dr. VonVillas motioned to approve Items 1 -4, which was seconded by Mr. Lindberg, carried by all.

1.0 The Minutes of the Meeting of March 7, 2006 and March 29, 2006 Annual Meeting

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Moved: Dr. VonVillas

Approved: Dr. Morelle

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Tindall-Gibson

2.0 Bills for the month of March 2006

Moved: Dr. VonVillas

Approved: Dr. Morelle

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Communications and Reports:

3.0 Retirement of Martin J. Forhan, Jr., RAP Teacher

The Executive Director recommended the Board accept the retirement of Martin J. Forhan, Jr., RAP Teacher.

Moved: Dr. VonVillas

Approved: Dr. Morelle

Seconded: Mr. Lindberg

Mr. O'Brien

Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Appointments:

4.0 Nothing to report

New Business:

5.0 Grievances

This item was discussed in Executive Session.

Regarding Grievance #2006-1, the Board of Superintendents voted to sustain the Executive Director's recommendation. Regarding Grievance #2006-2, the Board of Superintendents voted to sustain the Executive Director's recommendation.

7.0 Northern R. I. Chamber of Commerce Presentation

The Executive Director welcomed Mr. John Gregory, Mr. Paul Ouellette, and Ms. Kerri Corcoran to the Collaborative. Mr. Gregory began his presentation by reviewing what the Chamber has done in the past relating to business education such as adopt-a-school, providing speakers for schools, advisory boards, and the principal for a day program. At this time, Mr. Gregory stated the Chamber is looking to identify their role in northern Rhode Island for the future and the opportunity to work together with Northern R. I. Collaborative. Mr. Gregory asked if there was interest in combining the Collaborative's expertise in education and the Chamber's expertise in business.

Discussion followed regarding identifying the Collaborative's needs and matching with the Chamber's resources and vice versa. Suggestions included working jointly on legislation, establishing work groups, establishing a liaison from the Collaborative and the Chamber – Mr. Lindberg and Dr. Morelle volunteered. Mr. Gregory advised he would survey his membership on what resources are available and would run it by Dr. Morelle and Mr. Lindberg. NRIC will also do a survey/wish list.

The Principal for a Day Program was also discussed. Mr. Gregory, Mr. Ouellette and Ms. Corcoran left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

6.0 Rescind Employment Non-Renewals:

Teachers - SAP

Steven Robidoux
Deborah Farrar
Joanne Moretti
Amanda Notz
Karen Short
Marilyn Nelson
Wendy Williams
Tina Hoover
Elizabeth Neves

Teachers - RAP

John Leeds
Peter Hainsworth

Adapted Physical Ed Teacher

Ryan Barrette

Occupational Therapist

Erin Manchester

Social Workers

Joanna Wood

Speech Therapists

Sheila Henry
Tracy Anderson

The Executive Director recommended the listed employment non-renewals be rescinded.

Moved: Dr. VonVillas
Seconded: Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Approved: Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien

8.0 NRIC Classroom Space Needs

The Executive Director asked Dr. Fricklas to address this agenda item. Dr. Fricklas requested confirmation on additional classroom space from Dr. Donna Morelle for St. Joan's for the summer. Regarding space for 2006-07, Dr. Fricklas advised that our RAP step-down program presently housed at North Providence High School will relocate to Lincoln High School. SAP class presently at LaPerche Elementary School in Smithfield will relocate to Greystone Elementary School in North Providence.

9.0 Summer School Budget 2006

The Executive Director asked Mr. Enos to address this agenda item. Mr. Enos reviewed the Summer Tuition Rates for 2006 indicating a 4% increase in the SAP Program and a 5% increase in the RAP Elementary Program. Mr. MacDonnell requested the Board's approval of the Summer School Budget for 2006.

Moved: Dr. VonVillas
Seconded: Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Approved: Mr. Lindberg
Dr. Morelle
Mr. O'Brien

10.0 Regional Summer School Program

The Executive Director reported that a Regional Summer School Program has been requested by the Special Education Directors. Is this a feasible program utilizing VLA? Discussion

followed and Cumberland and Lincoln advised they already have a program in place; North Smithfield and Smithfield do not.

Old Business:

11.0 Proficiency Based Graduation Requirements Policy Workshop

The Executive Director advised that he emailed a summary of the workshop that took place on April 6, 2006. Discussion took place on when the policy would be ready and the feedback from the principals who attended. It was suggested that the high school principals meet again after the Peer Review in May and also to develop topics to continue principal meetings for next school year.

Dr. VonVillas left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Mr. O'Brien shared information on a Graduate Literacy Program and asked if there was an interest in running a program through the Collaborative. Mr. O'Brien also shared information that he put together for his School Committee regarding mandates.

12.0 Building Project Update

The Executive Director reported that in discussions with Rev. Richard Desaulniers of St. James Church, Rev. Desaulniers indicated that he and the Diocese are willing to sell St. James School along with the Convent property to the Collaborative. Mr. MacDonnell is requesting the Board's permission to investigate the property further to see if it meets our needs and to conduct an appraisal.

<u>Moved:</u>	Dr. Morelle	<u>Approved:</u>	Mr. O'Brien
<u>Seconded:</u>	Mr. Lindberg		Dr. Tindall-Gibson

Informational Matters:

13.0 Nothing to report.

With no further information to report, Mr. O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m., which was moved by Dr. Tindall-Gibson and seconded by Mr. Lindberg, carried by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Jannetta